

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 15-23 have been canceled without prejudice or a disclaimer. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 14 stand rejected. Claim 1 is an independent claim.

The Applicant has deleted term "when" from claim 1 and added a pair of commas in order to clarify claim 1.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that any one of claims 6, 9, 10, 13, and 15 would be allowed if rewritten as an independent claim incorporating all features of the base and any intervening claim. In response, the Applicant has canceled claim 15 and incorporated the feature of the original claim 15 into the independent claim 1.

As such, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the present rejection and requests passage of claim 1.

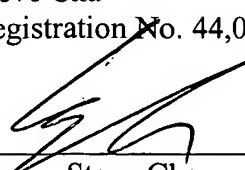
Other claims in this application are each dependent on the independent claim 1 and believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues which may be best resolved by telephone, please contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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